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Sir:

Enclosed please find an English translation of the Article 19 Amendment and Brief Statement which were filed in the International Application.

Based upon the submission of Amended Claims, Applicants respectfully request examination on the merits of the application containing amended claims 1 - 5, 7 - 13, 15, and 16 , in place of originally filed claims 1-16 appearing in International Application No. PCT/JP2003/014777 as originally filed.

Additionally, prior to the examination of the above-identified application including the amended claims, amendment of claims 4, 7,12, and 15 as follows, are respectfully requested to remove multiple dependency.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.